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SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF CYPRIOT REFUGEES IN NON-
PERMANENT HOUSING

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1. WE BELIEVE THAT PROVIDING USG ESTIMATES ON NUMBERS OF
GREEK CYPRIOTS IN TENTS OR SUBSTANDARD HOUSING TO GOT MIGHT
WELL INVOLVE US IN FUTURE PROPAGANDA EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO
SIDES. THIS WOULD COMPROMISE NOT ONLY OUR STATISTICS BUT OUR
POSITION AS A NEUTRAL. OUR ESTIMATES ARE CONSIDERABLY LOWER
THAN FIGURES USED BY GOC. GOC KNOWS OUR ESTIMATES AND WOULD
ACCUSE US OF PLAYING ITS OPPONENT'S GAME SHOULD GOT SUDDENLY
BEGIN USING OUR STATISTICS.

2. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE ANKARA COULD INFORM MFA OF
FOLLOWING DATA:

A. MOST RECENT GOC REPORT (AUGUST 1977) INDICATED THAT
140,409 PERSONS RESIDED IN "LESS-THAN-SATISFACTORY" HOUSING. GOC
DEFINITION OF "LESS-THAN-SATISFACTORY" HOUSING INCLUDES THOSE
ABANDONED TURKISH CYPRIOT RESIDENCES. GOC DOES NOT BREAK OUT
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FIGURES ON NUMBERS IN TENTS, SHACKS, ETC.

B. AT JUNE 18, 1977 PANCYPRIAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE MASS
RALLY, COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES STATES THAT 1,500 PEOPLE LIVED
IN TENTS AND ANOTHER 70,000 WERE HOUSED IN SHACKS AND DELAP-
IDATED HOUSES.

3. OUR OWN ESTIMATES APPROXIMATE FIGURES USED BY PANCYPRIAN
COMMITTEE. EMBASSY USES A STRICTER DEFINITION OF "LESS THAN
SATISFACTORY" HOUSING THAN IS USED BY GOC. WE BELIEVE PRESENT
GOC HOUSING PROGRAM WILL BY END OF CY 1979 ACCOMMODATE ALL
DISPLACED PERSONS IN SOUTH.
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